

**§ 21-29-229. Tax on premiums of fire and lightning insurers.**

The Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System, as soon as it is decided that such city shall come within the terms of this article, shall notify the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Mississippi that such city is operating within such terms. The commissioner shall notify all insurance companies, which shall include mutual, interinsurer, and reciprocal associations or companies, transacting the business of fire and lightning insurance in the State of Mississippi, of the fact that such city is operating within such terms. In the event that any such insurance company writes or has written any insurance in said municipality, the rates of said insurance company being based in any way upon the efficiency and equipment of the fire department of said municipality, such company shall be notified that at the time that foreign insurance companies are required to report to the State Tax Commission the premiums charged or received in Mississippi, then such company, whether foreign or domestic, shall truly report to the State Tax Commission at the same time as reports on the general tax on premiums are made as provided in Section 27-15-107, sending a duplicate of such report to such board of trustees, the amount of premiums charged by said company for fire and lightning insurance on property situated in such city within the period covered by the report made to the State Tax Commission for purposes of taxation of such state, less premiums returned to policyholder and cancellations on account of policies not taken. It is the legislative intent that said report of premiums shall include and cover all premiums charged or received within said period, less returned premiums and cancellations as aforesaid in connection with the insurance of property situated in such city, which are reported for the purposes of taxation by said state. Such report for the purposes of this section shall not include premiums contracted for prior to such time as the commissioner shall have notified the company that such city is within the terms and purposes of this article. Said premiums so required to be reported shall be and they are hereby taxed to the extent of one-half of one percent ( $1/2$  of 1%) of said premiums, after deducting said returned premiums and cancellations, which tax shall be paid to the State Tax Commission by the insurance company at the same time that the general tax on premiums is paid to the State Tax Commission as provided in Section 27-15-107. The insurance company paying the same shall notify the State Tax Commission of the name of the city responsible for the maintenance of such fire department and system, and, at the same time, shall give such city duplicate notice of the amount paid to the State Tax Commission. The State Tax Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to collect such taxes in the same manner and by the same means that he is required and empowered to collect other taxes imposed upon insurance premiums.

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